

Transitional Housing Placement-Plus-Foster Care (THP+FC) Youth Ages 18-21

Program Description

Transitional Housing Placement-Plus-Foster Care (THP+FC) was created by Assembly Bill 12 (AB12) and allows eligible foster youth to extend foster care beyond age 18 and up to age 21. The eligible foster youth are designated Non-Minor Dependents (NMD's) and are entitled to various foster placement options including Supervised Independent Living Settings (or SILS). This new placement option provides transitional housing and supportive services based on a Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). AB 12 was authorized by the Federal Public Law (P.L.) 110-351, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. For more information on the THP+FC eligibility and provider requirements please refer to All County Letter 12-44.

Program Requirements

Participant Eligibility:

At the six month hearing prior to youth's 18th birthday, the social worker/probation officer must have a plan to ensure the youth meets at least **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Completing high school or equivalent program (e.g. GED); OR
- Enrolling in college, community college or a vocational education program; OR
- Employed at least 80 hours a month; OR
- Participating in a program designed to promote or remove barriers to employment; OR
- Unable to do one of the above requirements because of a medical condition.

Licensing Standards

The THP+FC providers are licensed as transitional housing placement providers and are subject to CCL regulations which are contained in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, sections 80000-80095 and sections 86000-86088 as well as sections 86100-86187 in addition to the Health and Safety Code Sections 1502(a)(1), 1503.5(a) and 1559.110.

County Requirement:

- Review the Plan of Operation for THP+FC for NMD (Title 22 section 86022)
- Certify the program is needed by the county, the provider is capable of effectively operating the program, and is suitable to meet the needs of the identified population

Provider Requirement:

- Update the Plan of Operation in accordance with Title 22 section 86022 and 86122 to reflect service provisions for NMD

Housing Requirements

General:

- Participants may live in one of three settings:
Host Family: NMD lives with a caring adult who has been selected and approved by the transitional housing placement provider serving NMD's
Single Site: housing placement where an NMD lives in an apartment, single family dwelling, or condominium rented or leased by the THP+FC provider—in which one or more adult employees of the THP+FC provider resides.
Remote Site: single housing unit where the NMD lives independently

NMD's placement decisions shall be made as any other foster care placement options and in consultation with the NMD and based on an assessment of the NMD's strengths and needs.

Services:

- The program provides supportive services based on the NMD's TILP and Needs and Services Plan to assist the NMD achieve the goals outlined in their TILP.

Participating Counties

As of February 22, 2013 (this list will be updated quarterly, for the most current list, please email ILPPolicy@dss.ca.gov) the following Counties have approved providers:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alameda • San Luis Obispo • Santa Clara • Butte • Tehama • Orange • San Diego • Los Angeles • Plumas • Monterey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonoma • Mendocino • San Joaquin • Shasta • San Bernardino • San Francisco • Lassen • El Dorado • Colusa
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Additional information or regulations may be found at www.dss.cahwnet.gov, listed under Find Services, Foster Care.

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